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Commission

2008 Annual Report

Seattle Design Commissioners

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*Terms expired in 2008

Project Review 79

- CIP Capital Improvement Projects 44
- ROW Right-of-Way Projects 12
- M Major Projects 11
- Plans, Programs and Policies 12

Workload

Commissioner Hours	1633
Commission Project Reviews	1358
Interagency Project Reviews	275
SR 520	80
Civic Square	95
Advisory Meetings	40
Consultant Selections	60
Staff Hours	4415

Estimated Cost of Projects Reviewed \$12.4 billion

The Seattle Design Commission advises the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on the design of capital improvement and other projects that shape the city’s public realm.

Accomplishments

- Issued two letters to political leaders on replacement options for the Alaskan Way Viaduct and the SR 520.
- Participated in the SR 520 Stakeholders Group and facilitated the selection of three alternatives.
- Reviewed Fire Station levy projects.
- Conducted reviews of Sound Transit’s North Link, Capitol Hill and UW stations.
- Presented the 5th Annual “Design Excellence Awards” for the City’s best public projects.
- Worked with SDOT to consider urban design ramifications of the viaduct replacement and urban mobility plan.
- Celebrated 40 years as Seattle Design Commission with a presentation and new logo.

